Murphysboro City Council Meeting May 10, 2011

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of May, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the council was led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Gary McComb

Absent: Russell Brown

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #399 and #400 through May 6, 2011, accounts receivable through May 6, 2011, and payroll through May 6, 2011. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Harris addressed the council regarding a five to seven year plan for community service, which includes handicapped accessibility. The plan involves the whole community. He is also concerned with federal housing and when the power is out the elevators do not work and people cannot get out except by the stairs. He wants help from the city to address these issues with federal housing and with federal codes.

Mayor Williams welcomed the government class of the high school.

Marilyn Smerken thanked the city for protecting the water system from the flood and also requested the council meeting agenda and minutes be posted on the web page again. It had been done but was no longer available. Mayor Williams apologized, stating we had transferred the person doing that job to another department and that we would be getting back on tract with it shortly.

Rachel and Blaine Ensor are chairing a group to begin cleaning up Murphysboro with volunteers and city support. There are still coordinators needed for wards 2 and 3. There will be a meeting on June 18th at 9 a.m. at Longfellow Park. Mayor Williams stated that this is an applaudable effort and will help all of us.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

Motion: To approve paying account payable register #398 through may 11, 2011.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

We will hold on the approval of the request by the City of Ava to purchase water meters on the Ava Road at \$300 per meter, for a total of \$6900 until we can speak with Kinkaid and Oraville Water Districts and also inform customers of what is occurring.

Motion: To approve the purchase of dialers for the lift stations at Wal Mart and Jackson Square for a price of \$6200.61.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Pierson Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

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Chief Bock indicated that Peggy Reiman had talked to Judge Solverson and the judge feels our ordinance is in order and she will impose fines and also require the city be reimbursed for costs for cleanup.

Motion: To approve to use our street department personnel to perform clean up work at properties cited for violations.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Pierson

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

Motion: To approve to erect three (3) No Stopping, No Standing, No Parking-signs on the east side of Watson Road from Shawnee Drive north the General John A. Logan Attendance Center property.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to erect stop signs on the north and south sides at 9th and Hanson. This will now be a four-way stop

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote.

Yeas: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton,

Sandra Bullar, Gary McComb

Nays: Mark Costa **Motion Carried**

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Building & Grounds Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting of April 25, 2011

No action taken

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 25, 2011.

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor stated the following:

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- 1. Gave an update on the flooding. Shoemaker opened. Update on sewer plant was that we escaped.
- 2. Report on manhole collapses.
- 3. Thanks to all agencies and governmental entities that provided flood assistance thus far. Specifically Costello and sheriff's department.
- 4. City property damage. We will claim things damaged and get paperwork to FEMA.
- 5. Will start mosquito spraying next week.
- 6. There is a group that is putting a soccer league together. Nursing home has leased them a plot of land on 16th Street ground for a nominal fee.

Motion: To approve installation of handicap parking sign at the southeast corner of 9th & Hickory Street.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to advertise in the city map being produced by Chamber for a one time charge of \$1995.00

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote.

Yeas: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Sandra Bullar, Gary

McComb

Nays: Bill Pierson, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to replace drain at 1223 North 16th Street in the amount of \$1696.80.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes

Vicki Ardrey Thanks to volunteers and city workers

Bill Pierson Thanks also and advise everyone to attend the Cruise

Night on Saturday night, it really has taken off and is an

amazing car show.

Mike Bastien He will talk to Governor Quinn about taking away income

tax revenues.

Danny Bratton Inquired on status of letter about moving at Industrial Park

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Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Commend city workers

Gary McComb Thank to the students attending meeting tonight. Thanks

for the city cleanup group. Appreciate job Chief Bock is doing with issuing tickets and city clean up. Mayor stated if

it is solid enough we will open dump area next week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Blake, Richard Nothing

Bock, Jeff: So far we have 150 different cases already and that isn't

grass etc. or dilapidated houses. We lost pump here at city

annex and flooded floor and ruined equipment.

Manwaring, Brian Insurance to cover the damage and they are looking at

carpet tiles for the floor instead of flooring. Must have some

type of carpet for sound absorption.

Otey, Verdonna Commend sewer, water and street department. Found out

who the workers are.

Swafford, Steve Nothing

Youngman, Jay Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.